



Photo by Airman 1st Class Trina Flannigan

Lt. Gen. Chilton, the new 8th Air Force commander, speaks with media after his change-of-command ceremony at Barksdale Air Force Base, La.

Lt. Gen. Chilton takes over Mighty 8th

Lt. Gen. Carlson departs Barksdale for AFMC

By Capt. Carla Pampe

8th Air Force Public Affairs

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. — Leadership of 8th Air Force changed hands Aug. 10 when Lt. Gen. Kevin Chilton assumed command from Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson, becoming the 45th commander of the "Mighty Eighth."

General Carlson has been assigned as the commander of Air Force Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Gen. Ronald Keys, commander of Air Combat Command, presided over the ceremony, with Lt. Gen. Robert Kehler, deputy commander of U.S. Strategic Command.

"As you supporters, members and former members of Eighth Air Force well know, the 'Mighty Eighth' has a storied and envied history across its life — a life of courageous, committed and innovative airman," General Keys said. "It was those committed Airman who began the great legend of Eighth Air Force, fought and died in World War II, grew to the 'Mighty Eighth' that could generate 2000 bomber and 1000 fighter sorties, and birthed what is now USAFE, and Strategic

Air Command.

"Today, just as we did through the Cold War, the 'Mighty Eighth' still provides the muscle of our air breathing nuclear deterrent," he added. "What you may not appreciate is that Eighth Air Force is continuing to lead all parts of our Air Force's vision of global vigilance, global reach, and global power — the ability to see first, understand first, and act first."

Before relinquishing command, General Carlson bid farewell to his troops.

He said in a farewell message to his

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BUSH: Constitution next step for free Iraq

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — "As Iraqis stand up, we will stand down," President Bush said Aug. 11.

The president made the remark while at his home in Crawford, Texas, where he met with Vice President Dick Cheney, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Richard B. Myers. He said the Iraqi push to write a constitution.

President Bush said the constitution is a critical step for Iraq.

"Iraqis are taking control of their country," he said. "They are building a free nation that can govern itself, sustain itself and defend itself."

The process calls for Iraqis to hold a referendum on the constitution by Oct. 15. If approved, elections for a permanent government are called for "no later than" Dec. 15.

The president said the mission is a tough one because the enemy understands the stakes.

"A free Iraq in the heart of the Middle East will deliver a serious blow to their hateful ideology," he said.

President Bush reminded Americans that the United States is at war. He said the strategy is to defeat terrorists overseas before they can launch attacks in America. The second part of the strategy is to counter the appeal of the philosophy of violent extremism.

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Lauren Padden

Chief Master Sgt. Paul Airey, the first command chief master sergeant of the Air Force, speaks at the base theater Aug. 11.

A History Lesson

Top enlisted trailblazers offer advice to Airmen

By 2nd Lt. Candace Cutrufo

Public Affairs

History visited Whiteman last week, like the ghost of Air Force past warning of leadership pitfalls and steering our troops onto the path of career success.

Chief Master Sgts. of the Air Force Paul Airey, the first to hold the top enlisted position, and Sam Parish, the eighth CMSAF, had the ears of many of Whiteman's enlisted throughout their three-day visit.

The two enlisted trailblazers offered advice at the Airman Leadership School graduation, senior NCO induction ceremony and an enlisted all call held at the base theater Aug. 11.

"It is an unbelievable pleasure to come and talk to the wing that's got the world talking," Chief Parish said.

He described the crowd of more than 200 chevron-wearing troops in the base theater as

"hanging from the rafters."

The former Chief Master Sgts. of the Air Force spoke about the changes they have seen in their long careers.

"We've come a long way," Chief Airey said.

"We have one hell of a heritage."

Chief Airey joined the Army Air Corps in 1943 and was imprisoned by the Nazis in World War II after he bailed out of his flak-damaged B-24 over Austria. He spent July 1944 to May 1945 as a POW, after which he returned home and reenlisted.

"I saw the best of men and worst of men," Chief Airey said of his imprisonment. "What I saw of the best of men made me say, 'I want to be with people like this for the rest of my life.'"

Chief Airey has seen the Air Force become a separate service, desegregate, give more opportunities to women and create two more enlisted ranks, including the CMSAF position.

"There was a certain amount of senior officers

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Bills adding up?

The Air Force can help.

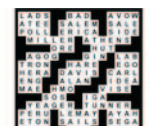
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Commander's Corner

By Col. Chris Miller

509th Bomb Wing commander

SHARPEN THE SWORD. Wisdom for the day: "If I only had two hours to chop down a tree, I would spend the first hour sharpening my ax." It seems obvious when you think about it, but often we are so busy chopping (working, producing, managing, doing) that we never stop to sharpen the saw (rest, play, study, revitalize). The right tools, well maintained, make the job easier — and the same applies to each of us; the sharper we are, the better we perform. It's important to rest and recharge and spend time with those close to you. As we approach the end of the fiscal year, if you have any use-or-lose leave on the books, now is the time to take it. Active-duty members are entitled to 30 days of paid leave per year, and leave lost is opportunity lost. No one is so indispensable to the mission that they can't take some time off! I encourage you to think about how you're balancing work and personal time, and take the opportunity to recharge your batteries periodically. You'll be more effective if you do.

SCHOOL DAY SAFETY! Monday marks the beginning of a new school year for Knob Noster students. Warrensburg schools start on Wednesday and Sedalia schools begin Aug 29. Soon we will have yellow buses driving on streets and children at crosswalks. When school is beginning in the morning and ending in the afternoon, the areas around local schools will be busy and crowded. There will be many children using crosswalks. Car drivers, bikers and in-line skaters **must stop** to allow people in the crosswalk to cross the street. Drivers are reminded to stop

for school buses when they have their stop signs out and their red lights flashing. These signals indicate that children are getting on or off the bus. Let's stay alert, be careful and have a safe school year.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR. We will be celebrating 58 years of Air Force contributions to America at our Air Force Birthday Ball, the evening of Sept 17. Former Secretary of the Air Force Donald Rice will be our guest speaker. He served as our SECAF from 1989 to 1993, and was a strong B-2 advocate at a time the airplane was being fielded; I expect he'll have some inspiring words for us. We'll also have live music, dancing and a good time with friends. Tickets are limited, cost \$25 and can be purchased from your first sergeant. If you have any questions contact Joanna Bradshaw at 563-3818.

COME HOME ALIVE! Every year, many people — including Airmen — die on Labor Day Weekend. It's tempting to try to fit in that last big trip to the lake, across the country, wherever ... and fatigue, alcohol, and "get-there-itis" are a very bad combination. Please — take the time to make smart decisions about what you do — don't try to do too much and put yourself, your friends, or your loved ones at risk. If you're delayed, call your supervisor and extend leave rather than push the speed limit or your fatigue limits. Remember, too, that **0-0-1-3** is a good approach to alcohol: **zero** drinks for those underage — **zero** driving under the influence — **one** drink an hour — **three** drinks max per night. Bottom line: you're special to yourself and many others — take care of yourself — take care of your friends — and come home alive!



Photo by Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

SEDALIA — Senior Airman Tuan Nguyen, Airman 1st Class Duong Ngo, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, and Senior Airman Victor Pham, 509th Maintenance Squadron, enjoy Military Appreciation Day at the Missouri State Fair Tuesday.

Dealing with the 'fudge'

By Lt. Col. Mark Murphy

354th Maintenance Squadron commander

EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska (AFPN) —

It was a hot summer day near Chanute Air Force Base, Ill., and I was unpacking from the first of many permanent change of station moves in my career.

"Daddy, can I have a box?"

I turned to answer my 5-year-old daughter who was looking up at me with big brown eyes.

"What do you need the box for?" I asked.

She replied, "Sherry and Terry's kitty died and we need a box to bury him in."

My heart melted. What parent could resist such a touching moment? So I grabbed the nearest box and sent her on her way. Problem solved.

You can imagine my horror when, a few minutes later, I glanced out the window and saw my daughter, her two friends and the box out in the street. They were using sticks to try to pry something off the pavement.

Realizing I'd made an error by not asking a critical question, I ran outside to get the girls out of the street. My daughter quickly pointed out what was keenly obvious: they couldn't get the cat in the box. I looked down at the biggest Siamese cat I'd ever seen, stuck to the hot Illinois asphalt like a chunk of firewood frozen to the ground in the middle of winter. The girls lovingly called this chunk of roadkill "Fudge."

Since I grew up on a farm, I've got a pretty strong stomach. So I brushed away the flies, kicked Fudge loose, grabbed him by the tail and tossed him in the box with a thunk. The girls thanked me and headed back to Sherry and Terry's house. Problem solved.

Or so I thought. No sooner did I have my hands washed when the girls were back at the front door with the box. My daughter explained her friends' dad wouldn't let them bury Fudge in their backyard. Could they bury him in ours?

Suddenly what little cuteness that remained was gone.

"Absolutely not!" I told her. "For one thing, I rent this house. For another, I'm not burying another man's cat in my backyard."

A little disappointed, the girls left again. Problem solved.

A few minutes later they were back asking for a shovel. "Sorry, I told them, I don't have a shovel (which was true)." This was a relief because I assumed that if they were looking for a shovel, the other dad had changed his mind about burying the cat in his yard. Problem solved.

It didn't take long to find out I assumed

wrong. I looked out the back window and found them in a vacant lot between two houses behind ours, sitting next to the box and scratching in the dirt with teaspoons. The afternoon drew on and, as you can expect, they made little progress. Soon dinner time arrived and the girls all got called home to their respective families, abandoning what little interest they had in Fudge along the way.

After dinner, I looked out the back window. The rays of the setting sun shone on the box sitting in the middle of the vacant lot. I chuckled at the thought of some passerby getting curious and looking in the box. At least it wasn't my cat.

Then my eye caught something I hadn't noticed before — little black marks on the box. I suddenly realized it wasn't just an ordinary moving box. It was a box I'd used to mail things from Officer Training School.

There, in the vacant lot behind my house, was a cardboard box with a petrified cat inside and my name and address on the outside. At the end of the day, that cat didn't belong to its owner, the person who hit it or even the girls who tried to bury it. That cat was mine, and suddenly the thought of someone finding it wasn't so funny anymore.

A magic marker and a trip to a dumpster downtown solved the problem for good. But I've thought about that day throughout my career.

If only someone had told me that the dad down the street had no intention of burying that cat. If I'd only noticed my name and address on the box. If only I'd asked more questions.

How many times have you seen someone who made a series of decisions that all seemed perfectly reasonable and valid at the time, but yet things still went horribly wrong? I've seen it again and again in safety reports, hospital rooms, courtrooms and commanders' offices. My experience with Fudge is not unusual. People often get lost in details and lose track of the big picture. Despite the best intentions, the damage is done before they fully realize what they're dealing with.

When someone gets into a situation, it's your responsibility to give them a cross-check and get them to see the forest instead of the trees. It's also important to watch yourself, look down the road, and focus on where you're going, not just where you are.

Faced with a challenging situation, it's human nature to get tunnel vision and be blindsided by something you didn't anticipate. Watch for this in yourself, and watch for it in your people, because trust me. You don't want to be stuck with the cat at the end of the day.

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Avoiding payday Loan Sharks

how the Air Force can help you

By Senior Airman Amy Robinson
Air Combat Command Public Affairs

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFPN) — The Airman had \$600 left until payday, which was fine — until her car broke down, and with it, a \$1,000 repair bill. Two “friends” offered to help her out. The first offered an interest-free loan of \$500. The second offered a \$500 loan for a \$75 fee, and said if the Airman could not pay the money back in two weeks, additional fees would be charged.

Many might think borrowing money from the Air Force Aid Society is the obvious solution. But Airmen are still using payday loans to help them get by in tight financial situations when they could be getting help from their own organization — the Air Force.

“When (Airmen) find themselves in a desperate situation where they feel like there’s nothing else and no other option, they make the decision to use a payday loan,” said Gayle Brinkley, community readiness policy analyst for Air Combat Command’s directorate of personnel family matters branch.

Yet, for others, the use of these high-interest loans is attractive because of a fear of repercussions from their supervisors.

“I was an Airman, and I didn’t want to get in trouble,” said Staff Sgt. Darnell Cox, a munitions technician with the 1st Equipment Maintenance Squadron here. Sergeant Cox said he knew he wasn’t being financially responsible, but he didn’t want others to know his business.

Sergeant Cox said he started using payday loans several years ago as an Airman after he saw a television commercial for a local payday loan lender. He did an Internet search on the nearest location and was on his way to the first of more than 40 payday loans over the next two years.

Although he paid his loans on time, Sergeant Cox said he regrets using them because of the high fees or interest rates, which can range from 391 percent to 1,300 percent annually.

“In the course of a year, I wasted \$1,800 in fees alone,” Sergeant Cox said. “It’s money I could’ve saved instead of giving away.”

“(The loans are) designed to keep you coming back,” the sergeant said. “You figure you go over there a couple of times and you’ll be good to go, but you can never make it past the loan.”

Ms. Brinkley said that, like Sergeant Cox, many Airmen may plan to pay off the loan with their next paycheck; however, other expenses often arise. It happens all the time, and then it becomes a cycle until all of a sudden it is out of control.

Susie Markel, a family support center community readiness consultant, recalls a noncommissioned officer who came to the center with 10 outstanding payday loans.

“He was paying \$565 every two weeks to keep them off his back and ended up filing for bankruptcy,” she said.

Not only can out-of-control payday loans damage credit, they can also damage Air Force careers, she said. Financial irresponsibility can cost an Airman anything from a letter of counseling, an Article 15, Uniform Code of Military Justice action, or in severe cases, a discharge from the Air Force.

After about a year’s worth of payday loans,

then-Airman Cox decided to get help from the family support center. There, he qualified for an interest-free AFAS loan that helped him cover living expenses such as mortgage payments, rent, car repairs, utilities and phone bills while he repaid the payday loans. The center even helped him develop a budget.

“They worked magic; I don’t know how they did it,” he said.

Like Sergeant Cox, many servicemembers may think if they borrow money from AFAS, it will get back to the first sergeant or commander, and that is not necessarily true, Ms. Markel said.

Although there may be times when circumstances

require the center to inform the first sergeant or commander, AFAS loans are handled on a case-by-case basis, and the center encourages Airmen to seek assistance if they need it.

“They think it’s a bad thing that they had to reach out for help,” she said.

Although he is on solid financial ground now, Sergeant Cox said looking back, he wishes he would

have asked for help sooner instead of worrying about getting in trouble. By getting help, he would have actually had one less thing to worry about.

“If I didn’t get help, I would probably still be stressed out about how I’m going to pay this or how I’m going to pay that,” he said. “I’d be in a worse situation than I was.”

Sergeant Cox said whether people get help from the family support center or a financial institution that offers a low-interest consolidation loan, there are alternatives to payday loans.

“There’s always a better way,” he said.

LISTEN UP — high-interest loan fact

A \$700 loan, with a 360 annual interest percentage rate, adds \$7 to you bill every day. If you paid \$210 per month for 10 years you would have paid \$25,200 in interest and still owe the \$700 you originally borrowed.



News in Brief

Death announcement

Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, regretfully announces the death of Tech. Sgt. Luke Ford, 509th Mission Support Squadron. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to Sergeant Ford’s estate should call Capt. Kathleen O’Neill, 509th MSS summary courts officer, at 687-5007.

Milling scheduled

The repair of Houx Drive, Mace and Altus circles, and Sijan Avenue west of the 509th Medical Group hospital began Wednesday. The crew is using a milling machine with dump trucks to haul off the debris.

Due to size of equipment, all vehicles on Houx Drive, Mace and Altus circles, and Sijan Avenue must be removed from street parking from 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m. now-Aug. 26. The equipment used in this project has several blind spots. Maintain control of small children and pets for safety. For more details, call Gary Hall, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, at 687-6281.

DANTES certificates available

The Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support is continuing to offer a fully-funded pilot testing program that provides free Microsoft Certification tests to eligible servicemembers. About 500 vouchers remain, and will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. For more details, log onto <https://www.dantes.doded.mil> or call Larry Broudrick at 687-2420.

Fallen Airmen buried at Arlington

By Staff Sgt. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY, Va. — The remains of five Airmen, brothers in arms to bring freedom to the nation of Iraq, were buried here Aug. 11 with full military honors.

They were Maj. William Downs of the 6th Special Operations Squadron at Hurlburt Field, Fla.; Capt. Jeremy Fresques of the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron at Hurlburt Field; Capt. Derek Argel of the 23rd STS; Iraqi Air Force Capt. Ali Hussam Abass Alrubaye of the 3rd Squadron, Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq; and Staff Sgt. Casey Crate of the 23rd STS.

The Airmen died May 30 near Jalula, Iraq, when their Iraqi Air Force Comp Air 7SL, a single-engine aircraft, crashed in the eastern Diyala province near the Iranian border. Major Downs and Captain Abass flew the aircraft, while Captains Fresques and Argel, and Sergeant Crate surveyed potential emergency landing fields.

Airmen from the 6th SOS, including Major Downs, are attached to the recently formed Iraqi Air Force 3rd Squadron to advise the Iraqi unit, help train maintainers and to help them stand up that squadron.

The five Airmen’s May 30 mission was similar to missions other U.S. military branches are involved in all over Iraq. The intent is to help Iraqi military members and police gain the experience needed to take the reigns of their country and provide stability to ensure freedom takes root there, said Lt. Gen. Michael Wooley, commander of Air Force Special Operations Command.

“It’s important what these Airmen were



Photo by Staff Sgt. Amber Whittington

ARLINGTON, Va. — Linda Crate, mother of Staff Sgt. Casey Crate, reflects during the Aug. 11 funeral held here for her son and three other U.S. Airmen and an Iraqi Airman who died May 30 in an aircraft accident in Iraq.

doing, and very similar to what the Army is doing with the Iraqi ground forces,” General Wooley said. “It is a mission of ours that we have been given, not just to AFSOC, but to all the Air Force members deployed with the various units. It is our duty and the coalition’s duty to ensure that the Iraqi military is capable of continuing on with the missions of defending their borders.”

While the crew aboard the aircraft was multinational, they were united by airman-ship and dedication to a common mission, General Wooley said. “This was a tragic

accident and we continue to send our thoughts and prayers out to the families of the Iraqi pilot and American Airmen who were affected by this accident,” he said.

In honor of each fallen military member, Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff; Maj. Gen. Kamal Abdul-Sattar Barzanji, Iraqi Air Force commander; Lt. Gen. Lance Smith, vice commander of U.S. Central Command; and General Wooley presented an American flag to the American families in attendance and an Iraq flag to Captain Abass’ family.

TRICARE survivor benefits available to military family members

TRICARE-eligible family members, whose sponsor dies while on active duty continue to receive TRICARE benefits.

The three-year benefit period

During the three years after a sponsor's death, surviving spouses and children under 21 are eligible for TRICARE Prime without enrollment fees and copayments.

Surviving family members who aren't enrolled in TRICARE Prime may use TRICARE Extra or Standard, but are subject to the appropriate active duty cost shares and annual deductible requirements for each program. During the three-year survivor benefit period, surviving family members are protected from paying out-of-pocket expenses of more than \$1,000 per fiscal year for TRICARE allowable charges.

Active duty family members who accompanied their sponsor on orders out-

side of the continental United States and reside in that location at the time of their sponsor's death are eligible for three-year transitional health care benefits under the TRICARE Overseas Program Prime.

Surviving family members who choose to live OCONUS should check with the overseas TRICARE Service Center, as their benefits will differ slightly from those available in the United States.

After the three-year period

At the end of the three-year survivor benefit period, eligible surviving family members' TRICARE coverage converts to that of retiree family members. Beneficiaries remain eligible for TRICARE pharmacy benefits and may enroll in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program. TRICARE Extra is not available OCONUS.

The out-of-pocket payment expenses for

survivors in retiree family member status are limited to \$3,000 per fiscal year, for TRICARE charges for covered services.

If the survivor reaches age 65 or is disabled and becomes entitled to Medicare Part A, they must purchase Medicare Part B to retain TRICARE coverage.

TRICARE survivor status ends if the surviving spouse remarries.

Dental Benefits

Surviving family members who are enrolled in the TRICARE Dental Program at the time of the service member's death remain eligible for dental care under the TDP Survivor Benefit program. Under this survivor program, the government will pay 100 percent of the premium for three years from the month following the sponsor's death. If surviving family members aren't enrolled in the TDP at the time of the ser-

vice member's death, they are ineligible for the TDP survivor program, but are eligible for a TRICARE Retiree Dental Program and are responsible for the premium costs.

Updating DEERS

Survivors must update their TRICARE eligibility in Defense enrollment and eligibility reporting system. Surviving family members may go to any uniformed services identification card-issuing facility, visit www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/, or call the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office Telephone Center at 800-538-9552. Spouses must contact the ID card-issuing facility in advance to determine services available.

To obtain details about the loss of a loved one or coping with grief can visit Military One Source at <http://www.militaryonesource.com>. (Courtesy of <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>)

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Think school transportation safety

Kids will be returning to school soon and it's a good idea to review some transportation basics. Whether it's by bus, bike, car or on foot, here are some tips to keep kids safe.

■ Wait for the bus in a safe place, away from traffic and at a distance from the street.

■ Don't move into the path of a bus. Stay back until the bus comes to a complete stop and you see the driver signal you to enter.

■ When getting off the bus, immediately take 10 steps away from the bus.

■ Use the handrails on the bus.

■ Stay aware of the street traffic around you. Remember that there are laws for drivers to follow, but not everyone does.

Young pedestrians and bikers have to make a

lot of important decisions. Here are a few guidelines:

■ Follow traffic signals and crossing-guard directions. Never cross against a light, even if you look and don't see anything coming.

■ Always walk your bike through intersections.

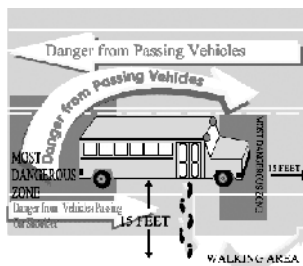
■ Never walk alone.

■ Always wear reflective material so you are more visible to drivers.

If your child is going to be transported to school via car, here's the best safety tip available:

■ Make sure your child always wears his or her safety belt. It can lower the risk of injury by 45 percent.

Remember, your child is four times more likely to be injured or killed if he or she is ejected from a vehicle. Ensure they are safely buckled up.



Whiteman members can help

The American Heart Association is having their annual Johnson County Heart Walk on Sept. 10 in Warrensburg.



The event is a three mile run/walk that will start in the Western Missouri Medical Center parking lot and continue into downtown.

Learn and Live™

In this country heart disease is the number one killer of our citizens and stroke is number three. This walk will raise money to combat these two life threatening medical issues. We would like to have a strong showing from Team Whiteman this year and encourage individuals or teams to participate. We are looking for team captains, walkers/runners, and supports of this worthy cause.

To participate or learn more, contact Staff Sgt Tim Bouseman at 687-5761, (660) 864-6043, or timothy.bouseman@whiteman.af.mil.

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Spirit Spotlights

... on **Airman 1st Class Monica Pugh**, 393rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit, for being Aircraft Armament Systems Technician of the Quarter for April-June; **Tech. Sgt. Jay Perkins**, 325th AMU, for being Aircraft Armament Systems Supervisor of the Quarter for April-June, and **Master Sgt. Joe Eccleton**, 509th Maintenance Group, for being Aircraft Armament Systems Manager of the Quarter for April-June.

... on **Master Sgt. Eric Duffendack**, **Staff Sgt. Kendal Short** and **Senior Airman James Muskelly**, 509th Munitions Squadron, for being the Aircraft Armament Systems Maintenance Crew of the Quarter for April-June.

... on **Staff Sgt. Mitchell Swindell**, **Senior Airman Thomas Williamson**, and **Airmen 1st Class Kristian Fugrad** and **Michael Delucy**, 393rd AMU, for being the 509th Bomb Wing Load Crew of the Quarter for April-June.

... on **Master Sgt. Joe Eccleton** for his selection as Air Combat Command's Outstanding Aircraft Armament Systems Manager of the Quarter for April-June.

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who did not want to see that position (CMSAF) created, and some told me this right to my face,” Chief Airey said.

Both of the top enlisted leaders said the Air Force has improved for the better over time.

“We’ve got the best Air Force we have ever had in our entire history,” said Chief Parish, who enlisted in 1954.

Chief Airey said technology and training pushed the service to milestones that were beyond comprehension 40 years ago.

“One thing that remains the same is the camaraderie and patriotism,” he said. “The training of our individuals has become so much better that we have made better leaders.”

Chief Parish said the biggest change has been in the development of the enlisted force, including education level, training, attitude and motivation. He said enlisted personnel have opportunities and jobs never before offered to enlisted.

“We have some of the best senior leadership in our wing levels that has ever existed. They allow us the opportunity to excel,” Chief Parish said. “You need to grab that opportunity. If we’re going to continue to move forward, you’re going to have to grab that bull by the horns and run with it.”

The former CMSAFs said the enlisted force of today needs to be the best at whatever job it does.

“It doesn’t matter what you do in the Air Force,” Chief Parish said. “If your job wasn’t important, I will guarantee you somebody else would be doing it, and they wouldn’t be wearing a uniform of our nation.”

Chief Airey said that two four-letter words will lead you to a successful Air Force career: zeal and duty.

“Zeal is a verb, a trait, a desire to overcome all obstacles, the desire to be the best you can be,” he said. “Duty is the most important word in the English language.”

You can never go wrong if you always do your duty, Chief Airey said.

Our country is fighting a global war on terrorism, the former CMSAFs reminded the enlisted all call audience.

“There are no boundaries, no borders, no uniforms (and) no sense of justice in this war,” Chief Airey said. “We’ve got a long war against terrorism to fight, and you’re the ones that have to lead us to fight it.

“Leadership is the name of the game,” he said.

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troops, “For more than three years I’ve had the pleasure of working with enlisted members, officers and civilians of the ‘Mighty Eighth.’ You’ve accomplished the mission our nation entrusted you with well, and contributed to the command’s rich legacy of service. You have been at the forefront of our country’s battles and served as the bearers of hope and guardians of peace. For that you deserve our nation’s gratitude, and you have mine.”

After officially taking command of the “Mighty Eighth,” General Chilton addressed his troops for the first time.

“Leading change in any organization, let alone one of the size and breadth of 8th Air Force, is perhaps the toughest challenge any leader can face,” General Chilton said. “And I can think of no organization in our Air Force that has undergone as much change as 8th Air Force has in the past three years.”

“Our Air Force needed a special officer to lead this tremendous team through that turbulent airspace,” the general continued, “And we all were blessed to have the likes of Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson with his hands on the yoke and throttles during this crucial period. Sir, what a marvelous job you and your team have done throughout your command. I stand in awe of all that you have accomplished in such a short period of time.”

General Chilton said he looks forward to being a part of the Shreveport-Bossier City community.

“Cathy and I have never been more warmly welcomed to any new location - let alone welcomed months in advance of our arrival - than by the Bossier City/Shreveport Community,” he said. “Your outreach, even as early as last fall, only made us all the more anxious to come to Barksdale, and we very much look forward to meeting you all and working with you.”

Finally, Chilton urged the members of the “Mighty Eighth” to look to the future.

“As we in Eighth Air Force look to the future, we will remain committed to three things; victory today, change for sustained dominance, and readiness at all times,” he said.

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He said the enemy is determined to do more harm.

"They kill because they are trying to shake our will," the president said. "They're trying to drive free nations out of parts of the world so they can topple governments throughout the Middle East and establish Taliban-like regimes in the Middle East and turn that region into a launching pad for attacks against free people. And they will fail."

The president praised the men and women of the armed forces. He said servicemembers and their families have taken on a heavy burden. President Bush said the national security team discussed ways to lessen that burden. He said the Department of Defense is working to rebalance the forces. About 80,000 servicemembers are moving from low-demand to high-demand skills.

DOD has also improved the call-up process for reserve components.

"We've provided earlier notifications, more certainty of the length of their service tours and minimized the number of extensions and repeat mobilizations," the president said. "We are working hard to ensure our troops and families are treated with the dignity they deserve and the respect they have earned."

President Bush said no decision has been made on the number of troops in Iraq.

"I know there's a lot of speculation and rumors about that," he said. "We did ... increase troops for the Iraqi election and for the Afghanistan elections. It seemed to have helped create security. And I know the secretary of defense is analyzing that possibility."

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<http://www.whiteman.af.mil/news.htm>

Putting in the rain



Photo by Staff Sgt. Neo Martin

First Lt. M. Howard Fullmer, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, practices for the putting contest in the rain at the Royal Oaks Golf Course grand opening Monday.



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Cleaning up and saving GREEN



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Burton

David Wray, a Tad employee, places used batteries on a pallet for recycling. Base members need to place used lead acid batteries in the yellow container in the RRRP yard. The batteries are then sold to a recycler in Sedalia that reuses the battery core and properly disposes the rest.

Items RRRP Recycles

Newspaper such as...
All types of newspapers
Packing paper (white)
Corrugated Cardboard such as...
Moving boxes
All boxes corrugated in center
Packing paper (brown)
Brown paper bags
Carrier board such as...
Cereal boxes
Soda/beer cartons
Clothes soap containers
Toy boxes
Breakfast bar boxes
Cracker boxes
Milk cartons
Magazines/catalogs/books/phone books...
Phone books, magazines
Junk mail
All types of books
Clear plastic bottles such as...
All plastic soda bottles
Juice bottles
All water bottles

Plastic milk jugs such as...
Plastic juice containers
Ice cream containers
Water containers
Plastic milk containers
Colored plastic such as...
Soap and fabric softener containers
Shampoo bottles
Dish soap containers
Oil containers (empty only)
Glass (all colors) such as...
All glass bottles and containers
Aluminum and tin cans such as...
Soda cans
Beer cans
Vegetable cans
Oil cans
Paint cans
Dog and cat food cans
Coffee cans
Clothes such as...
Coats

Shirts/t-shirts
Pajamas
Infant clothes
Dresses
Pants/jeans
Yard waste such as...
Small branches
Leaves
Grass clippings
Wood (not treated and no pressboard)
Pallets
Scrap boards
Batteries (lead-acid only)
Scrap metal
Electric motors
Appliances (\$5 disposal fee)
**Please call 687-6266 before dropping off the following items; they are processed differently.*
Used antifreeze
Paint
Florescent light bulbs
Used oil
All other batteries
Aerosol cans



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Burton

Terri Hamrick, a Tad employee, stacks compressed blocks of aluminum cans on a pallet. All revenue collected from selling recycled goods stays on base. Previous purchases using RRRP revenue include the stage at Skelton Park, playground equipment, the marquee at the club and furnishings at the new golf course clubhouse.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Neo Martin

Kenneth Watson and Mark Davis, ICI employees, place used cardboard in the recycling truck. Recycle receptacles in base housing are emptied the same day trash is picked up. Each month more than 50 tons of recyclables are processed through the recycling center. These items include cardboard, aluminum cans, plastic containers, newspaper, bond paper, magazines, junk mail, catalogs, yard waste and wood. All yard waste and small branches are ground into a very fine product. It is then mixed with a formula of water and liquid nitrogen and turned into a compost. This soil conditioner is available free at the self help store, Bldg. 165, for people who live in base housing. People who live off base and would like to purchase some, call Pat Martinez, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, at 687-2017.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Burton

Staff Sgt. Robert Kidd, 509th Operations Support Squadron, recycles glass. The RRRP center has plans of purchasing a glass crusher that turns glass into sand for use at Royal Oaks Golf Course. The RRRP center is open 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

RRRP Quick Facts

- ◆ The reduce, reuse, recycle program was started here in late 1992. Since then it has aided the base by collecting items that would otherwise be thrown in a landfill. RRRP sells those items and uses the revenue for base upgrades.
- ◆ So far revenue from recyclables for Fiscal Year 2005 exceeds \$80,000.
- ◆ The large trash bins in the RRRP parking lot are for industrial use only. It is not authorized for people that live off base to bring any trash on base for disposal. Each year the base spends almost \$20,000 on unauthorized trash disposal.
- ◆ All work areas are encouraged to bring their used print cartridges by Envision, Bldg. 139, for recycling. The revenue from the cartridges return to RRRP and back to the base.

RRRP yearly income estimates

Cardboard	200 tons	\$17,000
Newspaper	69 tons	\$5,000
Bond Paper	52 tons	\$10,000
Aluminum cans	8 tons	\$9,200
Milk jugs	3 tons	\$750



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David Wray, an employee of Tad, a staffing company based in Wichita, Kan., that provides service and man power, removes recyclable material from a trash bin in the reduce, reuse, recycle program parking lot. Each day, RRRP workers remove large amounts of recyclable material from the trash dumpsters. Base members are reminded to place recyclable material in the proper RRRP bins, not in bins marked 'trash only.' On Whiteman, about 45 percent of everything discarded is reused or recycled. The Air Combat Command goal is 40 percent. Currently only 20 percent of military family housing residents recycle.

What’s Happening

Education

For more details, visit the education center Web site at <https://wwwmil.whiteman.af.mil/509mss/educ>

CCAF orientation briefing

A Community College of the Air Force degree is an Associate of Applied Science degree. CCAF will accept up to 30 credits of CLEP testing toward the 64 semester hours required. If you would like to see how many credits you already have, and which tests or classes you need to complete the degree, stop by the education services office to review the requirements with a counselor.

Community

Women’s volleyball team

The women’s volleyball team is looking for players. Tryouts are 10 a.m. - noon Saturday at base gym. For more details, call Tech. Sgt. VerNessa Stoudermire at 687-3355.

Logistics officers meeting

Whiteman Spirit Chapter of the Logistics Officer Association will hold a meeting 11a.m.-12:30p.m. Wednesday at Mission’s End in Ball Room B. All logistics readiness officers and maintenance officers are cordially invited. For more details,

call Capt. Robert Austin at 687-4022 or E-mail robert.austin@whiteman.af.mil.

AF ball tickets on sale

Tickets for the 2005 Whiteman Air Force Ball are available. The event takes place 6 p.m. Sept. 17. For tickets contact your first sergeant.

Cub Scout’s meet Aug. 29

Whiteman’s Cub Scout Pack 405 will hold its Scout Round-up Aug. 29 6:30p.m. at Whiteman Elementary. Boys grade 1 - 5 are can attend with their parents to learn more about scouting or to join. For more details, call Sarah Roy at 660-233-3162 or Scott Armstead at 660-233-2714.

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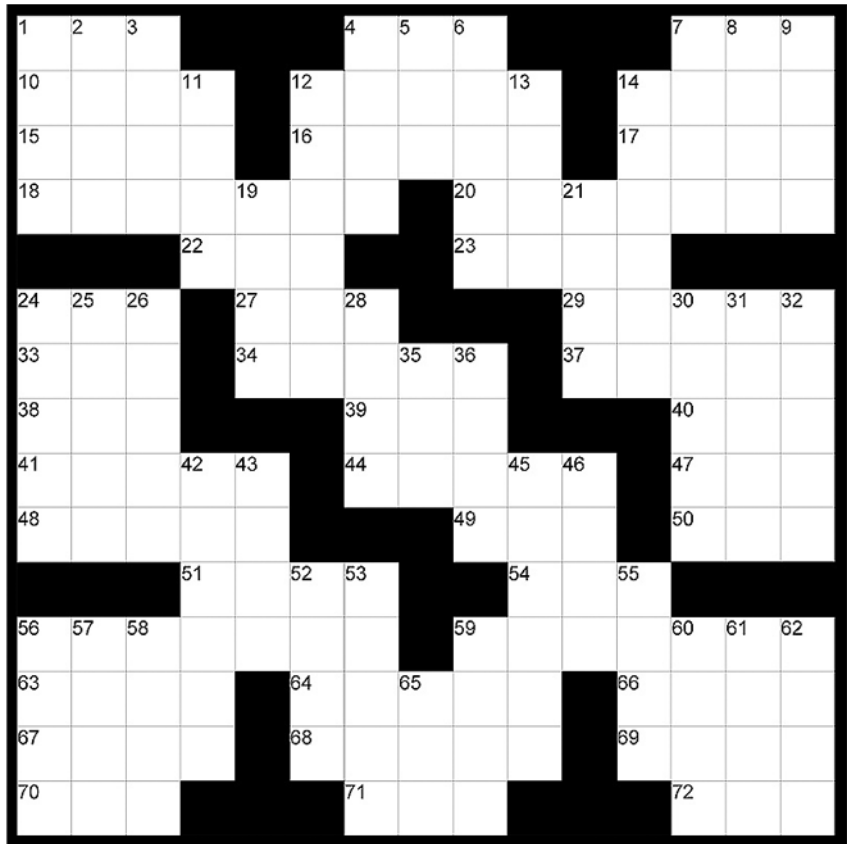
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Air Force pioneers of the '50s

By Capt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

ACROSS

1. Prosciutto source
4. Female friend
7. Hawaiian acacia with flowers
10. Ellipse
12. Benefactor
14. Strap fastened around the leg of a hawk
15. Aerobics
16. To put on (a piece of clothing)
17. Hurts
18. Gen. Nathan ____; 1st AF CJCS
20. Type of psych test
22. Obtained
23. The soybean
24. Army police officers, in short
27. Blob
29. Describing a roughly bounded part of the space on a surface
33. Dine
34. Excuse
37. Drum
38. Accountant, in short
39. ____ an engine
40. Make an offer
41. Bay of Naples isle
44. Foe
47. First lady
48. Social outcast
49. Identify maiden name
50. Lair
51. Collegiate athletics governing body
54. Mil. pay during PCS
56. AF pioneer Gen. ____ Schriever
59. Harold ____; 3rd SECAF
63. Ontario neighbor
64. Chaplin movie ____ Strange Predicament
66. Actress Falco of The Sopranos
67. Canter
68. Bridges



69. Dial or touch
70. Concord plane, in short
71. Explosive combo
72. Dashed

DOWN

1. Gen. ____ Vandenberg; 2nd CSAF
2. Declare
3. Warlock
4. The ____ Show

5. Conjunction
6. Maj. ____ Sebille; 1st AF MoH recipient
7. USAF pioneer Capt. Lillian Kinkel ____; flight nurse / decorated vet
8. Scandinavian capital
9. Helper, in short
11. Singer k.d.
12. Type of records
13. Nevada town
14. AF hero Lt. Col. James ____; first jet ace



Aug.12 answer key

19. Midwestern state
21. Burmese currency
24. Islamic holy site
25. Dads
26. Col. John ____; G-forces scientist
28. Ominous
30. Dwindled
31. Existing
32. Weighed down with a load
35. ____ Nevis; highest mountain of Great Britain
36. USAF pioneer Capt. ____ Kincheloe; America's "first spaceman"
42. Milk curdling
43. Ancient Peruvian empire
45. Achievement, Commendation, etc.
46. Scream
52. Coat-of- ____
53. Fit in
55. Assist
56. Wagers
57. Mistakes
58. Mob rule
59. Camping need
60. Smell
61. Singer Turner
62. Youth
65. Prohibit

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Sports & Recreation

Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

Katy Trail ride

Make the most of the rest of summer with a 33-mile bike ride along the Katy Trail from Windsor to Clifton City, Mo. The trip departs at 8 a.m. Saturday from outdoor recreation. Participants should bring their bike, helmet, puncture repair kit, plenty of water and lunch.

New pool hours

Adult evening swim has now finished for the season, lap swim ends today. Starting Sunday, recreational swimming hours are 12-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 4-8 p.m. Monday-Friday. The pool closes Sept. 5.

Lawnmower servicing

Outdoor recreation now offers push mower servicing. The \$25 cost does not include parts.

Fitness Center 687-5496

Coming soon equipment orientation

Learn proper use of the cardio and selectorized weight equipment at the fitness center. Call the fitness center for more information.

Free fitness assessment

The fitness center is offering a free fitness assessment to anyone curious about their physical condition. Call Tech. Sgt. Richard Bodine or Staff Sgt. Loren Van Pelt.

Tickets and Travel 687-5643

Kansas City Renaissance Festival

The annual renaissance festival begins Labor Day weekend in Bonner Springs, Kan. Tickets now available from the tickets and travel office.

Food & Fun

Mission's End 687-4422

Monthly club coin special

This month's club coin special is a pitcher of Budweiser,* Budweiser Light* or Miller Light* for just \$4 when purchased between 4-8 p.m. and a club coin is shown. To purchase a coin speak to a Mission's End staff member.

Karaoke

The next karaoke night will be held 9 p.m.-1 a.m. tonight. Free for club members.

Movie Schedule

Friday

The Island 7 p.m. PG-13
Starring-Ewan McGregor and Scarlett Johansson

Saturday

Fantastic Four 7 p.m. PG-13
Starring-Ioan Gruffudd and Jessica Alba

Sunday

High Tension 5:30 p.m. R
Starring- Cecile de France and Maiwenn Le Besco

Adults: \$3.50 Children: \$1.75
Movie Recording Line: 687-5110

Movies subject to change due to availability.
For current and future movie listings log on to
<http://www.aafes.com/ems/conus/whiteman.htm>.

Royal Oaks 687-5573

Club House and grill now open

The new Royal Oaks club house and grill is now open. Come in and check out the proshop or enjoy lunch at Duffer's grill. Steak night will take place every Friday and Saturday night starting Aug. 26.

Home and home

Sign up by Wednesday for the home and home tournament between Whiteman Air Force Base, Fort Leavenworth and Fort Leonard Wood. The first round is 10 a.m. Aug. 27 at Royal Oaks.



Community Activities

Arts and Crafts Center 687-5691

Creative circles meeting

The next creative circles meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the arts and crafts center. Members can bring along a sample of their craft to share ideas with the group. New members are always accepted.

Craft fair

The arts and crafts center is registering vendors for the upcoming craft fair 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 27 at Mission's End. There is a vendor fee of \$10. Register by Aug. 26. Only handmade crafts will be accepted.

Summer sale

The arts and crafts center is having a huge end of season sale with up to 70 percent off selected shop merchandise. Come and browse the bargains all month.

Teen Center 687-5819

Arts and crafts

There will be teen arts and crafts sessions taking place 5-8 p.m. Tuesday and Aug. 30 at the teen center. Projects will include making a dream catcher, candle making and picture collages.

Friday night flicks

Kick back, relax, grab the popcorn and enjoy a great movie on the big screen at the teen center. The film starts at 6 p.m. Aug. 26. This month's theme is comedy.

Youth Center 687-5586

Back to school bash

The youth center back to school party for kindergarten-fourth grade will take place 6:30-9:30 p.m. Aug. 26 at the youth center. There will be Bingo, great school prizes, crafts and games. The cost is \$6 for members and \$7.50 for nonmembers.

ACC pre-teen lock in

Fifth-seventh graders can bring their pillows and sleeping bags for this all night party at the youth center. ACC bases around the country will be participating at the same time and there will be lots of inter-base competitions and games. Food and drinks will be provided by the youth center. The party takes place 9 p.m. Aug. 27 through 7 a.m. Aug. 28 and costs \$10 for members and \$12 for nonmembers.

Community Center 687-5617

Let go of my Legos!

Lego fans ages 5-12 can use their imagination to create a Lego masterpiece. The event takes place 12:30-2 p.m. Saturday at the community center. Prizes will be given out for first, second and third place and each participant will receive a gift. Children can bring their own Legos or they can use supplies at the community center.

Madden video challenge

There will be a Madden video challenge competition for players over 16 2 p.m. Aug. 27 at the community center. The cost is \$2 and prizes will be awarded to the top three players.

Ballroom dancing class

Hone your foxtrot in preparation for the Air Force Ball with a free professionally taught dance lesson. The class will take place 6-8 p.m. Sept. 6 at Mission's End.

Family Child Care 687-1180

Base residents

Quality child care for military families is an important concern. Guidelines in Air Force Instruction 34-276, Family Child Care Programs, requires anyone providing in-home child care for 10 hours or more a week on a regular basis to be licensed. If you are currently unlicensed, you must cease care and apply for a family child care license. Call for more details.

Child Development Center 687-5588

Developmental enrichment program

The child development center's pre-school enrichment program will recommence in September. The program is designed to foster language development, social-emotional development, self-help skills, gross and fine motor skills and cognitive development. Parents can sign up their 3-or 4-year-olds at the Child Development Center.

Library 687-6217

Tracing genealogies

Learn how to use public records and online resources to trace ancestors and build a family tree. The class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday at the library.

Learn a language

Learn European languages, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese or Korean with the help of library resources. Books, audio CDs and cassettes are all available for loan or try out the online learning resource, Rosetta Stone online. Call the library for more information.

Veterinary Clinic 687-2667

Summer pet safety

By following a few safety tips owners can keep their pets healthy and happy in the sun.

❖Never leave pets unattended in the car. Temperatures can reach over 120 degrees in a few minutes even with the windows down.

❖Make sure pets have access to fresh water at all times.

❖Pets need sunscreen too! Apply to unprotected areas like tip of nose, tips of ears and skin around lips.